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Letter dated 6 February 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you herewith a letter dated 6 February 2011, from Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, addressed to you (see annex) regarding Thailand's aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

I also have the honour to request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council with the participation of His Excellency Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in order to address this flagrant act of aggression of Thailand, which is a grave threat to peace and security in the region.

(*Signed*) Kosal **Sea**
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With reference to my Foreign Minister's letter dated 5 February 2011 to you I wish to draw your attention to the worsening of the situation at the border between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand as follows:

Once again, despite negotiation by the field commanders of both sides for a ceasefire, on 6 February 2011, at 18.20 hours, Thai armed forces launched a full-scale armed aggression against Cambodia, using heavy sophisticated weapons including many 105, 120, 130 155 mm artillery shells, which were fired into the Temple of Preah Vihear, a World Heritage site, the region of Tasem, Veal Intry and Phnom Trap hill, and others. All these areas are well inside Cambodian territory. Thai artillery shells have landed as far as approximately 20 km inside Cambodian territory.

While I write this letter to you, Thai armed forces still continue firing heavy weapons into Cambodian territory.

This fresh onslaught by Thai armed forces has resulted in more human casualties and damages to the Temple of Preah Vihear as well as other properties.

The repeated acts of aggression against Cambodia by Thailand violate the following legal instruments:

1. Articles 2.3, 2.4 and 94.1 of the Charter of the United Nations
2. The Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, article 2, to which Cambodia and Thailand are parties, provides for:
   - Mutual respect for the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity and national identity of all nations
   - Settlement of differences and disputes by peaceful means
   - Renunciation of the threat or use of force
3. The Agreement concerning the Sovereignty, Independence, Territorial Integrity and Inviolability, Neutrality and National Unity of Cambodia, articles 2.2.c, 2.2.d, of the Paris Peace Accord in 1991.

Considering the recent extremely grave aggressions by Thailand, which has gravely threatened peace and stability in the region, I earnestly request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council so as to stop Thailand's aggression. I would also highly appreciate it if you would circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

Hun Sen